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A1	Henry, Scott P., et al., "Activation of the Alternative Pathway of Complement by a Phosphorothioate Oligonucleotide: Potential Mechanism of Action", <u>The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics</u> , 281:810-816, 1997

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